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EXPERIMENT ON SYNTHETIC TANNINS -- Rzeczpospolita, No 70, 11 Mar 50

Experiments in shortening tanning processes are being conducted in a number of Polish tanneries.

The tannery in Bialogard has worked out a technological plan using all the most modern tanning methods. The Bydgoszcz tannery has made changes in the manufacturing process which improve the quality of sole and belt leather. The production branch of the Radom Tanning Enterprises also has converted to the fast tanning process for the manufacture of sole leather.

Successful experiments have also been made in the use of new synthetic tannins. Experiments in the use of nitrocellulose dyes have also been entirely satisfactory.

TO STUDY PLANTS FOR TANNIN CONTENT -- Trybuna Ludu, No 73, 14 Mar 50

The State Agricultural Research Institute in Pulawy, the Department of Agricultural Technology at Poznan University, the Forestry Research Institute, and the State Herb-Marketing Center have been studying the possibilities of extracting tannin from native plants.

It is known that the bark of fir, oak, willow, osier, alder, and pine trees all contain tannin. The above-mentioned research agencies are testing nonarborescous plants for tannin content.

Special attention is now centered on a plant called "badan" with a view to large-scale cultivation. The study of this plant offers considerable difficulties since forests must be chosen for semicultivation of the plants. Forests, however, are extremely sensitive areas, and it will be necessary to make preliminary tests to see whether the introduction of the new plant has a harmful effect on the soil.

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TO PRODUCE WILLOW BARK TANNIN -- Ilustrowany Kurier Polski, No 64, 5 May 50

The Agricultural Technology Branch of Poznan University is studying, under the direction of Professor Doctor Janicki and Engineer Zurawski, the bark of the most common variety of willow, the bushy willow, to determine the amount of tannin contained in the varieties of willows grown in the osier plantations in Poland.

Because leather tanned with willow tannin is very soft, has an attractive light color, and is waterproof, it is used for ladies' handbags, gloves, etc.

Production of the willow tannin will start when research has been completed.

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